

**Heartland Region
Macon-Piatt Regional Office of Education
3433 Rupp Parkway, Decatur, IL
September 19, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by Travis Roundcount.

Present:

Damian Jones – Argenta Oreana
Sacha Young – Central AM
Emily Weidner – Cerro Gordo
Rochelle Clark – Decatur Public Schools
Michael Tresnak – DeLand Weldon
Adam Ibbotson – Maroa Forsyth
Shane Gordon – Meridian
Travis Roundcount – Mt. Zion
Cheryl Warner – Warrensburg-Latham
Bret Hitchings – Heartland Director
Jilly Reedy – Regional Superintendent of Schools

Absent:

Johnathon Field – Sangamon Valley

9:34 Meeting Called to Order by Travis Roundcount.

Adam Ibbotson moved to approve the minutes of the August meeting as presented. Michael Tresnak seconded the motion. Voice Vote: All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Finance Report

Approval of May, June, July, and August purchases provided by the Regional office. Damian Jones moved to approve the purchases. Adam Ibbotson seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

Bret explained the audit should be on track to be completed this Fall. Jill Reedy confirmed the audits are in process right now.

Closed Session

None

Personnel

None

Director's Report

Bret Hitchings reported that we are in year three of the three-year grant College and Career Pathway Endorsement with Sue Pryor as the CCPE Coordinator. ISBE has advised they will not be extending the grant in to future years. Bret advised that we may want to consider in the Spring to continue to employ a CCPE Coordinator to support schools.

Bret advised that HTA and RCC will host the fall Counselor Academy. Likely to be held the first week of November.

Bret informed that the Sophomore Tours, which counts as one of the two student Career Exploration Experiences for the CCPE, will be held November 12, 13, 14, and 15. Someone from HTA will be visiting each school prior to the tours with informational sessions for your sophomores.

Other Business

Bret presented the Resolution to Include Compensation Paid Under and IRC Section 125 Plan as IMRF Earning. Cheryl Warner moved to approve the resolution as presented. Emily Weidner seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

The next meeting date will be Thursday, October 17, 2024, at 8:30 a.m., at the Macon/Piatt Regional Office of Education.

Adam Ibbotson moved to adjourn the meeting. Emily Weidner seconded the motion. Voice vote, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned by Travis Roundcount at 9:41 a.m.



Board of Control Chairperson

10-17-24

Date Approved



Board of Control Secretary Signature

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Board of Control Recording Secretary Signature

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